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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10 Seattle, Washington

IN THE MATTER OF:

GULF RESOURCES & CHEMICAL CORPORATION, ASARCO INCORPORATED, CALLAHAN MINING CORPORATION, COEUR D'ALENE MINES CORPORATION, HECLA MINING COMPANY, STAUFFER CHEMICAL COMPANY, SUNSHINE PRECIOUS METALS, INC., UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD,

Respondents,

Proceedings under Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a)

EPA Docket No. 1090-05-35-106

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 1990 RESIDENTIAL REMOVAL ACTION AT THE BUNKER HILL SUPERFUND SITE



I. INTRODUCTION

1. This Administrative Order and Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the following Bunker Hill Potentially Responsible Parties: Gulf Resources & Chemical Corporation, ASARCO Incorporated, Callahan Mining Corporation, Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation, Hecla Mining Company, Stauffer Chemical Company, Sunshine Precious Metals, Inc., and Union ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND - Page 1 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Pacific Railroad (the "Settling Respondents"), in lieu of the Settling Respondents conducting the work required by the attached EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a) (Exhibit A) regarding the 1990 Residential Area Removal and Response Action at the Bunker Hill Superfund site, and for exoneration and settlement of EPA's Future Response Costs for such response action as set forth in EPA's 1990 Bunker Hill Removal Action Cost Summary (Exhibit B). This Agreement provides for the Settling Respondents' payment of EPA's costs to perform removal and response actions pertaining to the cleanup of contaminated soils at residential properties in the populated areas of the Bunker Hill Superfund site pursuant to Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9606(a). of this Agreement has been given to the State of Idaho through its Department of Health and Welfare.

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2. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority conferred on the President of the United States by Section 106(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606(a), as amended; delegated to the Administrator of the EPA by the Executive Order 12316, dated August 14, 1981, 46 Fed. Reg. 42237; and further delegated to the EPA Regional Administrators and the EPA Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response by the EPA Delegations Manual Sections 14-14, 14-14-A and 14-14-B.

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This authority is conferred on the EPA, Region 10, Director,
Hazardous Waste Division, by Regional Redelegation Order signed
by the Regional Administrator.

III. JUDICIAL REVIEW

3. In accordance with Section 113(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(h), as amended, nothing in this Agreement shall make a matter judicially reviewable prior to the commencement of judicial proceedings by or on behalf of EPA which pray for relief in the form of specific enforcement of this Agreement or the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a), or for civil or criminal sanctions provided by statute for violation of the terms of this Agreement or Unilateral Order.

IV. <u>SETTLING RESPONDENTS EXPRESS DENIAL</u>

4. Subject to the provisions of this Paragraph, the Settling Respondents consent and agree to the terms of this Agreement, and to perform and comply with all provisions herein. Further, Settling Respondents consent to and agree not to contest EPA's jurisdiction concerning this Agreement. Said consent shall not constitute, however, an admission by the Settling Respondents of any legal or factual matter set forth in this Agreement or in any work plan or other document prepared or utilized by EPA in connection with this Agreement. By signing this Agreement, the Settling Respondents do not admit, accept, or acknowledge any liability or fault with respect to the conditions at or arising from the Bunker Hill Superfund site. Furthermore, by signing

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this Agreement, no Settling Respondent waives, except for their consent to jurisdiction for purposes of entry and in any proceeding to enforce this Agreement, any claim or defense that it might have raised to this Agreement or Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a) or that it might raise in any other judicial or administrative proceeding brought by EPA, the state, or any other governmental agency or private person, except as provided in Paragraph 20 of this Agreement. Furthermore, nothing in this Agreement precludes any Settling Respondent from raising as a claim or defense in any future action the Settlement Agreement entered into between the State of Idaho and several of the Settling Respondents, related to the Bunker Hill Superfund site, dated May 31, 1986.

This Agreement is not to be construed and will not be construed to any extent or for any purposes, however and whenever arising, as an admission of liability or violation of any private contract or instrument or of any local, state, or federal ordinance, rule, regulation, or statute, directly or indirectly, on the part of any Settling Respondent. Nor shall this Agreement be admitted into evidence or used in any way, directly or indirectly, in any judicial or administrative proceeding or in any other manner against any Settling Respondent for any purpose other than in further proceedings by the parties hereto to enforce the terms of this Agreement or Unilateral Order; provided, however, nothing herein shall preclude any Settling Respondent from using the Agreement or the fact of its entry in a

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V. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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proceeding against any third party for contribution or for the

recovery of costs expended in complying with or implementing the

5. This Agreement is in lieu of the Settling Respondents conducting the work required by the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a) (Exhibit A) and provides for the Settling Respondents' exoneration and reimbursement of EPA's Future Response Costs, as defined in Paragraph 8.C. below, pertaining to the implementation of removal and response actions at residential properties within the populated areas of the Bunker Hill Superfund site where there is an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment from an actual or threatened release of hazardous substances. EPA has identified the specific locations and residential properties where contaminated soil removal activities are necessary, and will provide the Settling Respondents with the locations or addresses of such properties at such time EPA obtains access and confirms that work will be performed at those properties. EPA will undertake and perform the removal activities at the selected properties during June - September, 1990 (or as weather permits) with funds provided to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund by the Settling Respondents' in lieu of the Settling Respondents' conducting the work required by the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a).

6. The provisions of this Agreement are binding upon the Settling Respondents and upon the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

7. The signatories for the Settling Respondents certify that they are fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Agreement on behalf of their respective principals.

VII. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- 8. For purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:
- A. "Settling Respondents" refers to Gulf Resources & Chemical Corporation, ASARCO Incorporated, Callahan Mining Corporation, Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation, Hecla Mining Company, Stauffer Chemical Company, Sunshine Precious Metals, Inc., and Union Pacific Railroad, and shall include each Settling Respondents' parents, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, officers, and assigns.
- B. The terms "removal" and "response" shall have the meanings set forth in Section 101(23) and (25) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(23) and (25).
- C. "Future Response Costs" means all costs, incurred (including indirect costs) or paid by EPA, both prior to and subsequent to the date of execution of this Agreement, relating to the Bunker Hill Superfund site 1990 Residential Removal Action

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- D. "1990 Bunker Hill Removal Action Cost Summary" means
 Exhibit B to this Agreement which describes EPA's Future Response
 Costs, including EPA's direct and indirect costs, which have been
 or will be incurred by EPA to implement and perform the 1990
 Bunker Hill Superfund site Residential Area Removal and Response
 Action.
- E. "Date of Payment" is the date that Settling
 Respondents' payment is received by the EPA Region 10 Superfund
 Lockbox for the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund following the
 procedures set forth in Section VIII below.

VIII. REIMBURSEMENT

9. Pursuant to the payment schedule set forth below, the Settling Respondents shall, jointly and severally, pay to EPA the sum of three million, one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$3,180,000.00) as exoneration and reimbursement for EPA's Future Response Costs with regard to the 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Area Removal and Response Action. The Settling Respondents shall remit payment of \$3,180,000.00 as follows:

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and shall be remitted to: EPA Superfund, P.O. Box 360903M, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251. The checks shall be accompanied by correspondence identifying the payment as for the EPA Region 10 Bunker Hill Superfund site 1990 Residential Area Removal Action, along with the name and the identity of the paying party(s), case caption, and EPA Docket Number. Simultaneously with the tendering of such payments, notice of such payments, including a copy of the checks, shall be mailed to EPA, as follows:

The payments required by this Section shall be made by

Allan Bakalian, Assistant Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101

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In the event the Settling Respondents fail to timely 11. make any of the payments required in Paragraph 9, Settling Respondents may be subject to penalties, including punitive and treble damages, pursuant to Section 107(c)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(c)(3), as amended, for failure to take proper action required by the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a). In addition, in the event the Settling Respondents fail to timely make the payments required by

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Paragraph 9, and funds from the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund are incurred by EPA without reimbursement by the Settling Respondents, the Settling Respondents shall pay interest on the unpaid balance at the rate established by the Department of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 4 C.F.R. 102.13. Payments made under this Paragraph shall be in addition to such other remedies or sanctions available to EPA by virtue of Settling Respondents' failure to make timely payments under this Section. EPA recognizes that the Settling Respondents claim that the particular amounts paid by each Settling Respondent is confidential business information, and agrees to treat such payments as confidential, unless required to be disclosed in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., the regulations contained at 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, or any other applicable law or regulation including, but not limited to, Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7).

12. EPA and the Settling Respondents agree that payment of the sums set forth in Paragraph 9 above are in lieu of Settling Respondents' conducting the work required by the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a) (Exhibit A), and that upon the Settling Respondents making all such payments, the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a) will be withdrawn with regard to the Settling Respondents, without prejudice to EPA to issue any subsequent unilateral orders to the Settling Respondents or any

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other party relating to the Bunker Hill Superfund site. In addition, upon the Settling Respondents making all such payments required by Paragraph 9, EPA's claims against the Settling Respondents will be satisfied as to EPA's Future Response Costs regarding the 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Removal Action as defined in Paragraph 8.C. above.

- 13. EPA and the Settling Respondents agree that the Future Response Costs specified in Paragraph 8.C. above and described in Exhibit B are consistent with the National Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 C.F.R. Part 300, as amended by 55 Fed. Reg. 8666 (March 8, 1990).
- 14. The amount of Future Response Costs paid by the Settling Respondents pursuant Paragraph 9 of this Agreement shall in no way constitute an admission by any of the Settling Respondents or the EPA as to, or evidence of, an appropriate allocation of liability among the parties potentially responsible for the costs of removal and response actions associated with the Bunker Hill Superfund site.
- 15. Following completion of the 1990 Bunker Hill Removal Action, EPA will provide the Settling Respondents with a summary of the costs paid and incurred by EPA to perform such action. In the event EPA's 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Area Removal Action costs are less than the payments made by the Settling Respondents pursuant to Paragraph 9 above, EPA will credit the additional funds received to any future claims or demands by EPA for the Settling Respondents payment of EPA's direct and indirect

response costs paid and incurred to perform the 1989 Bunker Hill Residential Area Removal Action. Allocation among the Settling Respondents of any such credit by EPA will be the responsibility of the Settling Respondents.

In the event EPA's 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Removal Action costs exceed those Future Response Costs set forth in EPA's "1990 Bunker Hill Removal Action Cost Summary" (Exhibit B), as defined in Paragraph 8.D., EPA reserves the right, to the extent not explicitly reserved in Paragraph 22 below, to seek to recover such response costs in any future claims or demands against any party with regard to the Bunker Hill Superfund site. Settling Respondents acknowledge that EPA's 1990 Bunker Hill Removal Action costs may exceed those Future Response Costs set forth in Exhibit B and explicitly reserve the right to challenge such additional costs in any future claims or demands by EPA.

IX. EFFECT OF PAYMENT OF FUTURE RESPONSE COSTS

16. Following execution of this Agreement and timely payment by the Settling Respondents of the sums set forth in Paragraph 9 above, the Settling Respondents shall be deemed to have resolved their liability to the EPA for Future Response Costs as defined in Paragraph 8.C. of this Agreement, and pursuant to Sections 113(f) and 122(h)(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9613(f) and 9622(h)(4), shall be entitled to the full measure of protection from contribution and the right of contribution as provided therein, provided that the foregoing shall not preclude

or preempt any separate agreement among the Settling Respondents as to allocation of or claims relating to Future Response Costs, which matters shall be governed by the separate Cost Sharing Agreement entered among the Settling Respondents in conjunction with this Agreement. Each Settling Respondent expressly acknowledges that this Paragraph does not preclude contribution or other actions among Settling Respondents for claims not resolved by this Agreement, or as may otherwise be permitted by the separate Cost Sharing Agreement entered among the Settling Respondents in conjunction with this Agreement.

The provisions of this Section shall not extend to any 17. person or entity other than the Settling Respondents specified in Paragraph One of this Agreement. With respect to any Bunker Hill Potentially Responsible Party (whether or not currently named by EPA) not a party to this Agreement, EPA reserves all of its rights under CERCLA, any other applicable laws and regulations, In addition, such nonand as provided in Section XI below. settlors shall be deemed to have failed to comply with the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a), and EPA specifically reserves the right to take any action under CERCLA or other applicable laws and regulations against such nonsettlors, including any actions for, but not limited to, costrecovery, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or penalties consistent with such laws and regulations, CERCLA, the NCP and applicable EPA policy and guidance.

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18. The Settling Respondents agree not to assert any claims against EPA or the Hazardous Substance Superfund (the Superfund), 26 U.S.C. § 9507, including claims pursuant to Sections 106(b)(2), 111, and/or 112 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b)(2), 9611, 9612, for the amounts paid or any costs incurred by the Settling Respondents pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or for any attorneys' fees related to the 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Area Removal Action.

- 19. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute preauthorization of a CERCLA claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700(d), as amended.
- 20. As it relates to Future Response Costs resolved in this Agreement, Settling Defendants agree not to assert against EPA or the United States in any future action for injunctive relief or for the recovery of costs associated with the Bunker Hill Superfund site, including but not limited to those costs specifically excluded from this Agreement set forth in Section XI below, any defense to such action(s) based on res judicata, collateral estoppel, claim splitting, or similar theories, if such defenses exist.
- 21. This Agreement shall not be construed as limiting in any way the response or enforcement authority of EPA pursuant to Sections 104, 106, and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604, 9606,

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except as expressly provided by CERCLA.

XI. EPA RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- without prejudice to, any claims or causes of action that EPA or the United States may have with regard to the recovery of any costs or commencement of response actions related to the populated and non-populated areas of the Bunker Hill Superfund site, except as related to those costs set forth in Paragraph 8.C. and sums paid pursuant to Paragraph 9 of this Agreement with regard to the 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Removal Action which do not exceed three million, one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$3,180,000.00). In addition, EPA reserves without limitation, all rights against the Settling Respondents as well as any non-settling party(s), associated with any claims of EPA for interest on the items specified in Paragraph 11 of this Agreement or for criminal liability.
- 23. This Agreement shall in no way affect the claims of the United States or any natural resource trustee for damages to natural resources pursuant to Section 107(a)(4)(C) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(4)(C), as amended.

XII. THIRD PARTIES

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This Agreement shall not be construed as limiting the

XIII. USE OF AGREEMENT

25. This Agreement was executed in good faith by EPA and the Settling Respondents in lieu of the Settling Respondents conducting the response actions required by the EPA Region 10 Administrative Unilateral Order No. 1090-05-25-106(a) with regard to performance of the 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Area Removal Action, and for exoneration and satisfaction by the Settling Respondents of EPA's Future Response Costs to perform such removal action.

XIV. COORDINATION OF REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

26. EPA and the Settling Respondents agree that EPA will perform all necessary work and activities related the 1990 Bunker Hill Residential Area Removal Action. EPA agrees to provide the Settling Respondents, jointly or individually, with sufficient access to the properties at which removal activities will be performed for the purpose of taking soil samples related to the Settling Respondents' separate Cost Sharing Agreement or for other allocation purposes. EPA will provide such access to the properties during the times that the EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) or authorized representative permits. The Settling Respondents agree to coordinate their sampling activities with EPA's removal schedule so that access for sampling individual properties occurs while EPA is conducting removal activities at those properties, or at such other times as the EPA OSC permits. To the extent they exercise this opportunity, Settling

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FOR THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10 IT IS SO AGREED AND ORDERED, THIS 5th DAY OF June, 1990: CHARLES E. FINDLEY, Director Hazardous Waste Division EPA Region 10 Presented by: Assistant Regional Counsel EPA Region 10

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